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## SAYS CHAMBERS SHOT WHEN WIFE WAS ATTACKED

Also Claimed By His Friends That "Big Jim" Was Bootlegging For A "System" Who Betrayed Him For Revenge.

That Jim Chambers was bootlegging for a "System," and got in trouble because he violated the agreement between himself and those higher up in the emphatic claim of friends and in intimate acquaintances of the dead man, "That Chambers was far from the 'bad man' that the papers pictured him to be as emphatically claimed by those who knew him."

"Jim was just a big, good-natured fellow, keen in the art of making and selling moonshine whiskey, because he could do so without being molested," said a close acquaintance of his to the Journal and Guide Thursday. "He had made lots of whiskey, for the blockade ring," it was asserted, "and did a prosperous business dividing the profits with them."

"But the time came when Jim failed to 'divvy up' exactly on the level with his chief backer, one of the men 'higher-up' and they swore that they would get him."

## SHOT IN DEFENSE OF HIS WIFE.

It is also stated by this party, whose name is not given for obvious reasons, that Chambers shot the federal agents because one of them entered his house and struck his wife, without provocation. It is then that Jim, who had taken his seat on the porch, as Officer Freeman ordered him to do; sprang to his feet and with the cry, "What the h—!" began to fire upon the federal agents. Chambers was submissive enough, his acquaintance said until his wife screamed in pain from the blow delivered with the butt of a revolver in the hands of one of the officers.

## TITUSTOWN MODEL COMMUNITY

Titustown has gotten considerable adverse advertising out of this affair, and one not acquainted with the character of the settlement would think that it is a bad place. As a matter of fact it is one of the quietest, most law-abiding settlements in Norfolk county.

A majority of the homes in Titustown are of the modest, three, four and five room cottage type and are owned by the occupants. These were bought or are being purchased on an installment scheme from A. T. Stroud. As long as Mr. Stroud kept to the type of house a better class of citizens were attracted to Titustown. But during the war a fine opportunity to profit came to Mr. Stroud. Housing facilities to take care of the hundreds of Negro laborers imported to work on the construction of the Army Base were needed, and he permitted the erection of about three one-room shacks on his land in North Titustown, that resembled Mexican adobe huts. After the war these shacks reverted to Mr. Stroud and he undertook to partition them off and sell or rent them to colored people. While numerous good people on account of the extreme scarcity of houses settled there the type of house attracted a great many crooks and bootleggers, as they are admirably adapted to the use of these people.

Had Mr. Stroud adhered to a mere modern and more human housing plan Titustown would have continued to bear a spotless reputation for law and order observance. Bad housing invited a bad type of citizen.

## DYER RENOMINATED.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 3.—Congressman L. C. Dyer author of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was renominated here in the state-wide primaries, Tuesday.

## Rev. Dr. Jeter Returns Home.

Rev. Dr. H. N. Jeter, the noted lecturer of Newport, R. I., has returned home after an extended trip to the Pacific Coast. He reports conditions as favorable. He has been a reader of the Planet for many years.

The fastest chorus in the world to the reputation that the dancers with Billy King's "Moonshine" company bear and headed by Dink Thomas they will make you sit up and take notice.

## THE BAY SHORE MEETING

Members of the Advisory Committee of the Colored Republican Party of Virginia met at Bay Shore Hotel last Sunday afternoon with Chairman J. R. Pollard of Richmond, Va., presiding. It was well attended. John Mitchell, Jr., presented his views upon the political situation and expressed himself as to the best course for the organization to pursue. He related the incident in connection with his interview with Hon. C. Bascom Semp. Attorney J. Thomas Newsome spoke at some length. He was followed by others, including Editor P. B. Young of Norfolk, Va. Dr. Frank V. Baehus of Lynchburg, Va., was present. Chairman J. R. Pollard expressed himself as opposed to the plan submitted by John Mitchell, Jr., stating in emphatic terms his reasons therefor. The vote was taken on the proposition and Editor Mitchell's plan was adopted by a vote of 14 to 5. Mr. Mitchell had left the meeting to take the 4 P. M. train for Richmond.

No mention was made of Mr. Henry Ford's candidacy for President and only the local Virginia situation was discussed. Chairman Pollard announced that he would act in accord with the recommendations of the committee and abide by its decision. Under this arrangement a committee will be appointed as represented by Chairman John L. Crupper. This failing of results positive action will be taken to deal with the political situation in this State.

## T. J. J. MOSLEY REMEMBERED.

Mr. Editor, permit me please thru this medium to thank my members and friends for the very kind way they remembered me recently.

Several Monday nights ago, while sitting on my back-porch trying to get a breath of air, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, we heard a crowd of people approaching our home, singing hymn, "I Will Guide Thee With Mine Eye." The first voice I detected was that of sister Mary H. Morgan.

The doors were thrown open and they filled the hall and the four rooms on the lower floor, and for the time being they took possession of the pastor's home. Trustee Daniel Booker had the pastor brought in and seated in their midst. Then in a few well chosen words assured the pastor that they had come to bring sunshine and to show appreciation of his past service and their sympathy for him, in his hour of affliction. At this point of the program he introduced sister Emma Winn, president of the Missionary Circle who very pleasantly introduced Mrs. Lucinda S. Daggett who spoke for the women of the church. It is useless to say Mrs. Daggett was at her best, her address was pleasing, inspiring and encouraging. She seemed to be perfectly familiar with women and their customs.

The women certainly made no mistake in their selection. Rev. William Johnson followed in behalf of the men and assured the pastor that the men too were there to show in a tangible way their love and devotion for him.

The Rev. said these gifts are but feeble expressions of their devotion for the pastor. Then followed the presentation of two purses by sisters Sophia Lemus and Alice Wyche. Other songs were led by deacon T. L. Bayley and William Thomas.

The articles given were many and useful. Linen for both bed-room and dining room, kitchen utensils. For the pastor: shirts, ties, socks, handkerchiefs and other useful articles. A silver service was given by the Deacon Board. Mrs. Mosley was presented with a handsome silver watch.

For these expressions of sympathy and gifts of articles, we are very, very grateful. Light refreshments were served; accompanied with music and singing.

Miss Mammie Loving presided at the piano. An enjoyable evening was spent. They retired leaving best wishes for the pastor.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all.

Yours very humble,

T. J. J. MOSLEY.

## TEXAS LYNCHES ANOTHER.

Texarkana, Ark., Aug. 3.—On his way out of town, following a quarrel with a white man over a drinking cup John West was taken from a railroad train at Guernsey and shot to death by a mob of one hundred white men.

The trouble started when West who was working with M. Worthington, a white street paving foreman, got his drink from the water bucket first. The two men came to blows. West succeeded in traveling four miles on the train before he was seized.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS IN SESSION HERE

### Mammoth Meeting Staged at the City Auditorium--Women Present From Every State and Africa--Constructive Social and Racial Programme.

The National Association of Colored Women's Club has been in session here at Ebenezer Baptist Church this week and representative colored women have been enjoying the hospitality of our citizens. The advanced guard arrived here last week and the numbers have been steadily augmented. Some of the most cultivated women in this country have taken Richmond by storm, so to speak. Mrs. Ora B. Stokes has been the presiding genius and the new Women's Club-house at 60 Clay street has been a veritable haven of beauty. Madame Maggie L. Walker has been entertaining in her palatial modern home and her magnificent new twin-six Packard has been at the disposal of the delegates.

### A GREAT MEETING.

Free automobile trips constituted a feature of the affair, Monday and Tuesday night was staged at the City Auditorium one of the greatest meetings women have ever held here. Mayor George Ainslie spoke to the satisfaction of all present and left hurriedly to attend another meeting to which he had been invited. Governor R. Lee Trinkle was not in the city and he was represented by his popular secretary, Mr. Dean. That silver-tongued and persuasive orator, Hon. John R. Saunders, Attorney-General of Virginia charmed all who heard him with his magnificent flow of language and transcendent eloquence.

### OTHERS SPEAK.

Mrs. Henry Lane Schmelz of Hampton also spoke to the satisfaction of all. Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, delivered the address of welcome, while Rev. Dr. J. J. Mosley, of the Virginia State Federation, was the address of welcome. Other addresses of welcome were given by Mrs. W. T. Johnson, of "Citizens of Richmond and Federated Clubs," Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, who related the honor to Miss Maria L. Burke; response to welcome addresses, Mrs. Marion B. Wilkerson, Orangeburg, S. C.; Presentation of Key to Richmond, Mrs. Alice Holmes Harris.

The climax of the evening's entertainment was reached when Miss Hattie Q. Rose, President N. A. C. W. Clubs rose to accept the Key. In a magnificent address she electrified her hearers and closed amidst a prolonged applause. Miss Laura Forrester presented her a lovely bouquet of flowers.

The music was furnished by a well trained chorus under the direction of Mme. S. E. Briggs. The Sabbath School also rendered several selections. Mme. Louise T. Dean, pianist.

Dr. Evans Payne and Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson took a part on the program. It was nearly 12 o'clock before the exercises were concluded. Peace and harmony have prevailed at all the meetings and the visitors seem delighted with their reception here.

### VISITORS TO OUR OFFICE.

The following strangers in the city were pleasant visitors to our office this week: Mrs. L. E. Higginbotham, Mrs. S. G. Isbell and Mrs. M. D. Ward, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Georgia Handy, Johnston, Pa.; Mrs. J. B. Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Dodson, James, New York, N. Y.; Mr. John Samuels, Everett, Wash.; Rev. Scott Wood, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss A. J. Dickerson, D. G. Household of Ruth, Alken, S. C.; Mrs. A. B. Bolden, Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Cora Sandridge Boykin, Camden, S. C.; Prof. W. S. Hargrave, Parmele, N. C.; Mrs. S. J. Hargrave, Homestead, Pa.; Mrs. Mary A. Exum, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. A. J. Adams, Covington, Va.

### "MAKING A MESS OF IT."

(Preston News Service.)

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 10.—In commenting on what has been accomplished by the Harding Administration the Baltimore Afro-American in a pointed editorial under the caption of "Making a Mess Of It," takes issue with the New York World.

"The New York World remarks that President Harding and the Republican Congress have made a mess of everything. This is not altogether true. One thing, however, the Harding administration is making a mess of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill. Sixty-four lynchings last year is the record of the mob's toll. A president and a congress pledged to pass anti-lynching legislation, and here we have the issue as if no such pledge existed. The House passed the bill and the Senate pigeonholed it from January 1922, to date. The passage of the Dyer Bill is up to the Republican Party. It has made its pledge. So far as the Afro-American is concerned, No Republican Candidate for National Office need expect support until the party carries out its pledge to put Anti-Lynching legislation on the statute books."

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### "MECHANICS BANK."

(Lynchburg, Va., Christian Appeal.)

The news that the Mechanics Saving Bank, Richmond, Va., which was temporarily closed is soon to open its doors for business is very gratifying. This bank has held a front rank place among banking institutions of Virginia and the nation. Its president, John Mitchell, Jr., is the only member of the race in American Banking Association. Its place as a banking institution is both strategic and unique. The race could ill afford to suffer its loss.

It is significant and comforting to all friends of clean business that the bank was found doing a legitimate banking business, and that there was no evidence of crookedness of wrong doing in any particular. It was closed on a strictly technical ruling of the State Bank Examiner. To the thoughtful mind this should increase rather than decrease confidence, and we are inclined to believe it will, as it indicates the exactness and rigidity of the State banking laws and the scrutiny exercised by the examiners. These warrant protection to depositors.

In the face of these the bank shows a clean sheet and brings out in bold relief the honest methods and policy of Mr. Mitchell and his co-workers in the bank. Mr. Mitchell is to be congratulated highly on the high place he holds in the confidence of the leading bankers and general public in this city. This is a business asset invaluable to the business.

In this connection the ministers of Richmond are to be commended for their timely and helpful service. It is difficult to estimate the good that was done by their words and resolutions of confidence expressed in public meetings and from their pulpits.

In this the ministers took their rightful place of leadership. In quickening the confidence of the race in needed business enterprises they rendered a constructive service which the race is the better and the ministers the nobler.

Mr. Thomas Dabney is now conducting the restaurant business at 1904 Hull Street. Give him a call. If you want anything hot, see "Pop." Creams and soft drinks always on hand. You can buy THE PLANET there every Saturday.

### 2 STATES DRY; 45 WET IN POLL.

'Literary Digest' Vote Now Stands 298,339 to 181,704 for Beer.

A majority of the States so far figuring in the poll being taken on the wet and dry question by the Literary Digest are in favor of some change or modification of the prohibition law as in existence, according to the poll returns and the statements in this week's issue of the publication. Reporting that in its present status the poll shows 62 per cent of the persons polled favoring a change in the Volstead act and 38 per cent in favor of the continuance and enforcement, the publication says many commentators have expressed the belief that the attitude by States is the important thing, and continues.

"The amendment, enforced, in the opinion of the extreme dries, is sufficient to insure an absolutely dry nation. It is interesting to note, therefore, that in the present tabulation, which the vote is thus far less than 100, only two States Kansas and Arkansas show a total vote in favor of the continuance of the present amendment and Volstead act. The thirty-five other States show a majority in favor of a change. The majorities are in no case for repeal of the amendment, but invariably they express a decidedly positive note of dissatisfaction with 100 per cent dryness."

The summary of the poll to date shows 181,704 in favor of strict enforcement of the amendment and the Volstead act, 195,864 in favor of a modification permitting light wines, beers, and 101,475 in favor of repeal of the amendment.

The poll on the bonus question by the same publication covers a slightly wider field, according to the tabulation as compiled from votes received up to, and including July 13. The total shows 233,613 in favor of the bonus and 241,440 opposed. This is the first time that the slight majority in favor of the bonus has been overcome.

### Dr. Somerville's Wife Here.

The wife of Dr. J. A. Somerville, of Los Angeles, California arrived in this city Saturday, August 5th, to attend the sessions of the National Association of Colored Women. She was met by Editor John Mitchell, Jr., and conveyed to the residence of Mrs. Nann E. Morgan, where she is now stopping.

—Mrs. George Richardson and daughter, Miss Sallie Brown left July 26th for the mountains to spend their vacation.

Mr. Edgar E. Cogbill of 1617 Hull Street is confined to his home by sickness.

At the great choir concert at Fifth Street Baptist Church recently, Miss Mary L. Lewis was the accompanist for the First Baptist Choir, of South Richmond.

—Mrs. Mattie Vaden has returned to the city after spending two weeks of pleasure with her father, brother and many other friends in New Kent Co., Va.

Mrs. Lucinda Bailey, formerly Miss Lucinda Walker of this city, while attending the National Federation of Women's Clubs is the guest of Mrs. L. G. King. Mrs. Bailey contemplates spending another week to visit relatives and friends before returning to her home in Philadelphia.

### Help Wanted—Female.

Reliable woman for general housework; one willing to nurse. Three in family. Must be neat. Room on lot if preferred. Reference. 3111 Hanover Avenue.

## BILLY KING, THE CELEBRATED COMEDIAN AND HIS COMPANY COMING TO RAYO THEATRE WEEK OF AUGUST 14.

Makes First Appearance in Richmond Offering His Great Musical Success "MOONSHINE" Assisted by Jack Wiggins and Forty Bootleggers.

Announcement of the engagement of Billy King and his company of artists at the RAYO THEATRE, beginning Monday, August 14th, and continuing for the entire week, brings joy to the hearts of Richmond theatregoers. Billy King (himself) greatest of all colored comedians is just as anxious to come to Richmond as his admirers here are to have him and it is safely predicted that all attendance records will be shattered at the Rayo Theatre during his engagement. "Moonshine" is the title of the vehicle that will introduce Billy and his company here and from advance notice and newspaper criticisms of the metropolitan papers this timely musical takes its place with "Shuffle Along," "Strut Miss Lizzie," and "The Plantation Revue."

Jack Wiggins who appeared here recently at the head of his own company is one of the many artists who will assist Mr. King. He will also offer a new dancing specialty and hold a special dancing contest that will be open to all.

Others members of the great cast are Marie Lucas, the talented musical director; Marshall Rodgers, the original "hot dog man," Margaret Scott, who is known as "Black Patti Number 2," "Baby Cox," a juvenile wonder, Dink Thomas, a captivating creole beauty; Doc Straine under whose direction the stage is handled and a host of other favorites.

A special matinee will be given for children on Saturday afternoon and a mid-night ramble will take place Friday night at 11 o'clock. State and City Officials have been invited to the opening performance and every effort is being made to make the engagement of Billy King in "Moonshine" the most successful in Richmond Theatre history. Common sense prices will prevail.

### ALICE V. EDWARDS MOORE.

In memory of our beloved daughter, who departed this life two years ago, August 14th, 1920. It has been sad since you left me, one I cherished and loved so dear.

Can I help from feeling lonely, When I do not see you here; I often think of the days I spent with you, The days when you were happy and I was happy too.

I am alone, and memory is the only friend that I can call my own. Two years of deepest sorrow, Two years of grief and pain; A wound that will not be healed, Until I see her face again.

Gone in the best of her days, Blighted in womanhood's bloom; Torn from the hearts that loved her, To sleep in a silent tomb.

Her devoted father, mother and brother, REV. R. E. EDWARDS, MRS. ALICE V. EDWARDS, RICHARD L. EDWARDS.

Two years have passed, my heart still sore, As time goes by I miss you more.

Your cheerful voice your smiling face, No one on earth can take your place; When days are dark and friends are few,

Dear Alice how I think of you, Her devoted husband, —ARMSTEAD MOORE.

### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH LAYS CORNER-STONE.

(Preston News Service.)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 11.—Last Sunday afternoon several thousand persons witnessed the laying of the corner stone of the new \$150,000 edifice for the congregation of Central Baptist Church of which the Rev. W. Augustus Jones is pastor. The ceremonies were conducted under the auspices of the masonic order. Prominent masons from all parts of Pennsylvania were present and took part in the ceremonies.

### Billy King is a 33rd Degree Mason.

Billy King, the celebrated comedian, who comes to the Rayo Theatre for an entire week beginning Monday, August 14th, is one of the few thirty-third Degree Masons in the world. He is very anxious to meet his Richmond brothers during his stay here.

## THE SECURITIES AND MONEY ARE READY

### THE AUDITORS' REPORT DELAYED.

### MECHANICS BANK NOW AWAITS ACTION OF THE JUDGE OF CHANCERY COURT.

The latest development in the Mechanics Savings Bank case is that the money to open the institution is ready. The assets to the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars in accordance with the requirement of the Banking Division are ready. The only delay is in the auditors report, which is now being made to embrace pass-books, which cannot be collected in any reasonable time and which could be audited as easily with the bank open as with the institution closed. Attorneys are now active in having a report made to the Chancery Court in Order that the matter may be settled at once.

### TRYING TO ADJUST MATTERS.

Every effort is being made to have the matter adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties including the Banking Division. John Mitchell, Jr., had a conference with Chief Examiner Richardson and he stated that the matter being in the hands of the Court, he would be ready to abide by its action in the premises.

### JUDGE MONCURE'S DECREE.

"And it being represented to the Court that the closing of said bank by the plaintiff was because of the presence in its assets of obligations of the Bonded Realty Company, Inc., amounting to the sum of \$83,500.00 which are not secured to the satisfaction of the plaintiff and it being further represented to the Court that there is a reasonable prospect of the defendant being able within a short time of satisfying the plaintiff as to said obligations of the Bonded Realty Company, Inc., and as to the entire solvency of said bank, it is further ordered that said receivers be authorized and instructed to report to the Court, at the earliest possible date, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of said bank, such offers and plans as may be submitted to them by the defendants, or others on its behalf, with a view of satisfying the requirements of the plaintiff and affecting a prompt discharge of said receivers, and the return of the assets of said Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., to its proper authorities."

### LIQUOR CHASERS SEEK VESSELS 12 MILES OUT.

William R. Sanders, Deputy Surveyor of the Port, announced late yesterday that he had issued orders to the skippers of the Dry Navy to go out in the deep and get a schooner alleged to be the queen of the craft running, rum from Nassau. The schooner was off the New Jersey coast during last week.

Instructions of Mr. Sanders were that the vessel was to be overtaken and found within or outside the 12 mile customs limit and irrespective of what flag she may happen to be flying.

The order was predicated on the seizure in the Narrows early Friday of a launch loaded with 100 cases of Scotch whisky. One of the men found aboard told John Holly Clark, Jr., Chief Assistant United States Attorney, that he obtained the liquor from the schooner as she lay thirty-five miles due east of the New Jersey coast. The prisoner also declared that he obtained 125 cases of liquor from the rum running ship at the same point a week ago. The latter cargo was landed safely at the city pier, Elizabeth, N. J.

This confession resulted Saturday in the rum chaser Larson of the Dry Navy making an expedition into the open in search of the schooner, but the schooner was nowhere to be found. Wireless messages back to shore, purporting to come from the Larson, were confusing. The liquor craft may have sent them.

The rum chasers Hahn, Taylor and Hensen will aid the Larson in the chase. They are equipped with one pounders and their crews of eight men each are armed with high powered rifles and sawed off shotguns. (New York Herald, August 7, 1922.)